

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0074] A video recording/reproducing apparatus and a storage device control method. The video recording/reproducing apparatus temporarily stores a received video signal in a buffer area allocated in a storage device if a command for temporary storage is received from an external input unit to temporarily store in the temporarily allocated buffer area of the storage device built in the video recording/reproducing apparatus a certain amount of the video signal received from a video signal source. Further, the video recording/reproducing apparatus records in the storage device in a long-term basis the video signal temporarily stored in the buffer area according to a set recording format if a recording command instructing a long-term recording process for the temporarily stored video signal of the buffer area is received from the external input unit. The apparatus enables a user to selectively allocate a buffer area and to produce and keep an A/V data file for the temporarily stored video signal for a long time.